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## Province steps in to manage Children's Aid

By Lisa Gervais

The provincial government has appointed a temporary supervisor for the Kawartha Haliburton Children's Aid Society (KHCAS), saying, "we no longer have confidence in the society's ability to address its operational issues and growing deficit."

Minister of children, community and social services (MCCSS), Michael Parsa, made the announcement Oct. 23. On the same day, the board of KHCAS announced they had tendered their resignations.

Parsa said he'd appointed Rosaleen Cutler as supervisor to oversee and operate the society, "and help ensure the safety and well-being of children and youth receiving services."

He added, "although the government does not direct children's aid societies on placement decisions, we require them to ensure placements are safe, appropriate and meet the child's needs. That's not an option, it's the law."

The MCCSS said it had provided \$4.6 million over and above the KHCAS' funding allocation since 2020-21, while working with the society to address findings of various ministry-led reviews, they say have "identified a number of significant risks related to the overall operations and financial management of the society."

"In addition, the ministry does not have confidence in the society's ability to make the necessary strategic decisions to address its growing deficit and operational issues, which may negatively impact the safety and quality of protection services that vulnerable children and youth depend on."

Cutler will be responsible for overseeing the operations and managing the society in place of the board of directors and executive director, for up to a year.

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# Board 'worked diligently' to avert this

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The minister said that during her term, Cutler will address the society's "growing financial and operational issues and reinstate good governance and fiscal sustainability, while ensuring the continuity of services to children, youth and families."

The board told media Oct. 23, "it is with profound sadness" they had tendered their resignations. They were notified a day earlier of the appointment of a supervisor.

"Board members can no longer meet their fiduciary duty when this happens. The board worked diligently to avert this from happening; however, the difficulties we experienced are echoed across the sector and were not repairable within the structures and guidelines we must work within."

"Although there will be difficult days ahead, we know that the staff and leadership team at Kawartha-Haliburton Children's Aid Society will continue to provide excellent care and service to the children, youth and

families in our communities."

In the summer, KHCAS announced plans to shutter its branch at 73 Victoria St. in Haliburton next year, and drop one full-time staff member, while committing to still offering its services across the County. They were talking to partners about accessing space elsewhere. The changes were to have taken effect for April 1, 2025.

The KHCAS is currently working with approximately 30 families in Haliburton. Head office is in Peterborough with another branch in Lindsay. Most of the outreach work is done in client family homes, or within the community. They have remote work agreements with staff as a result of COVID and most employees work from home, with access to the office.

The KHCAS attributed the deficit to years of funding reductions, increased costs, increased complexity of need, and the lack of services required by legislation within the funding allocation.



The Haliburton Childrens' Aid Society office. Photo by Lisa Gervais.



## Shelling out the money

100 Women Who Care Haliburton County have donated \$10,300 to Turtle Guardians (TG) following an October meeting that attracted more than 50 members. Co-chair, Leslie Banner, said they now have more than 100 caring women who support charities in Haliburton County three times a year by donating \$100 each time. Turtle Guardians founder Leora Berman said they are developing curriculum for kids across the Highlands, and specifically Haliburton. She said they were working with Trillium Lakelands District School Board, who are partners of Turtle Guardians, but also "with a bunch of local teachers. We really want to connect kids to nature, give them a sense of groundedness and confidence, and also really feel they're part of the community. So, we're looking at doing a passport to turtles, or nature, in Haliburton through this curriculum. Meanwhile, 100 Women now has 114 members with 11 of those being in a team of two. They will continue to invite new members, until they hit 200 and can split into two groups."

Back, left to right, Pat Bradley, Carlee Clark-Wade (TG) Leslie Banner, Leora Berman (TG) Tina Palmer, front, left to right, Valerie Jarvis, Margaret Cox and Patti McColl. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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# Celebrating 'powerhouses' in community

By Lisa Gervais

John Watson chose Haliburton County five years ago, to be close to nature and "a great community of people."

He was embraced back Oct. 25, being named Highlander of the Year by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

As Dysart's environmental waste manager, and a trainer with Sweat Social Health and Fitness, Watson told *The Highlander* in an interview, "I just feel very lucky in both of my jobs that I get to help and contribute to our community."

He admitted the award came as a "shock" saying he was honoured just to be nominated "and associated with all the other nominees, such powerhouses in our community. I am just feeling very blessed and honoured by this award."

Some of the highlights of his day job this past year have included The Great Haliburton Clothing Swap in partnership with Haliburton School of Art + Design. He said it "was exciting and new for our community and a great way to divert textiles away from landfill."

He is also proud of the outdoor battery recycling collection bin on York Street, only the second municipality in Ontario to have one. "It's exciting and an innovative way to make recycling of household batteries more accessible to people," Watson said.

Earlier this summer, the Municipal Waste Association, for which he is on the board, presented Dysart with a gold campaign award for its 2023 public awareness campaign "Recycling Is Easy!", that encouraged the proper recycling of food and beverage cartons.

On a smaller scale, Watson says it's important to preach the message early. Last week, he was at Stuart Baker Elementary School teaching Kindergarten to Grade 3 students about recycling, and encouraging them to take the message home.

He was delighted to see his other boss, Chelsea Adamson at Sweat Social, win businesswoman of the year.

"It's awesome to be part of that team and help train people in our community in health and fitness," Watson said.

"There's lots of people who have success stories; improved resting heart rates, becoming much more stable and in a healthy



Highlander of the year award winner John Watson gives a short speech. Photo by Justin Belanger.

range, people who have lost fat, people who have lost weight, people who have gained muscle and strength. We're very goal-oriented, thinking about individuals and what they are trying to achieve, so setting them up for success."

Watson's other fun community involvement this year was stage manager for the Burlesque Ball.

The not-for-profit award went to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

Executive-director Melanie Klodt Wong said it had been an "incredible" year.

"Almost exactly a year ago, the ball started rolling on what has become the biggest and fastest campaign the HHHS Foundation has ever seen. This community raised the funds to bring CT and mammography to the County as well as replace other vital equipment - raising over \$5 million dollars in less than a year - incredible."

Meanwhile, the warden's award went to the Haliburton County Home Builders Association.

President Kevin Hodgkinson said it was "an honour."

"The hard work of our executive officer, Aggie Tose, and our executive has shown that as an association we are willing to be an active part of our community," he said.

In the last two years, they have started a high school committee which focuses on promoting the trades to students. This is done by having a bus trip that takes the students to multiple job sites and businesses that can shed some light on one of the biggest industries in the County. They also talk to students about different avenues in the trades, such as project management, design, mechanics, electrical and HVAC. "We have had a great response to this program and hope to build off the results."

The association has also worked with municipalities to build a relationship to be better engaged in the building department process and pass information to members and the community about changes that happen with bylaws and the building code," Hodgkinson said. More photos page 12.

## Other winners:

**Warden's award** - Haliburton County Home Builders Association

**New business** - Woodhouse Marketing

**Tourism & hospitality** - Heather Lodge

**Young professional** - Matthew Renda

**Retail business** - Kohara + Co.

**Customer service business** -

Lakeview Motel & Resort

**Customer service employee** -

Laureen Roberts

**Industry & trades** - WAI Products

**Business achievement** - Dr. Jason Bradley

**Professional services** - Forest Lane

**Established business** - ACM Designs

**Employer of the year** - ACM Designs

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## COUNTY OF HALIBURTON NEWS

### County assets surpass half-billion

The County of Haliburton's assets would cost more than half-a-billion dollars to replace, councillors were told at an Oct. 23 meeting.

Presenting its draft asset management plan, Infralevel Inc. principal Brian Kavanagh said the biggest asset is roads (\$337 million – figures rounded); bridges and culverts (\$108 million), buildings and equipment (\$10 million), social housing (\$57 million) vehicles (\$7 million), ambulances (\$1.3 million) ambulance service equipment (\$660,000), planning department equipment (\$1.6 million), IT hardware and software (\$585,000), library collections (nearly \$700,000) and library equipment (\$164,000) and the rail trail (more than \$10 million).

As for the condition of the assets, the consultant said everything was in good, average condition, with the exception of buildings and equipment, vehicles, planning and information technology, and library collections, listed as fair. Social housing was not assessed.

The company forecast what the County must spend to keep its assets in good shape, more than \$82 million over 10 years, while anticipating available funding of \$68 million – or a \$14 million funding gap. The

consultant said it is "small in comparison to other Ontario municipalities."

They recommended the County continue the one per cent capital levy introduced in the 2024 budget in perpetuity. "This will raise \$3.2 million over 10 years, \$9.7 million over 20 years." They added higher levy amounts may be considered when feasible.

They summarized, "significant investments have been made to maintain County assets in good overall condition; council and staff have invested diligently, with strong governance in place to guide decision-making; the gap can be bridged over time



County CAO Gary Dyke tried to work with Bell to alleviate outages. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

with continued annual capital levies of one per cent or greater."

Coun. Cec Ryall asked what kind of a difference raising the capital levy to 1.25 or 1.5 per cent would make, and Kavanagh said it would be significant over time.

### Draft library budget tabled

Haliburton County Public Library CEO Andrea Brown, and board chair David O'Brien, brought the 2025 draft budget to the County at the meeting – seeking \$1,213,386. The ask represented only an additional 0.28 per cent, or \$3,336.

Brown noted that a staffing model review was done in June, eliminating one position, making one job part-time from full, and some compressed and shortened work schedules. The service also discontinued digital newspapers, print magazines, and used reserves for operational needs.

Coun. Jennifer Dailloux, who sits on the board, noted KPMG auditor Oscar Poloni told them, "among comparator municipal systems, we have the lowest amount of municipal support per household. Our library system operates with half, to a third, of what other municipal library systems are collecting. He said the library system

does a high level of service; you just do it less expensively." Dailloux said she would support the budget as presented.

Coun. Murray Fearrey said costs may be down as Dysart et al, for example, owns and maintains the library building there.

### County wraps Bell on knuckles

County council voted to write a letter to Bell to voice its complaints about a recent, week-long, outage in Haliburton and Eagle Lake areas.

Coun. Walt McKechnie brought the issue to CAO Gary Dyke.

Warden Liz Daniels said Dyke got nowhere with Bell. Dyke said he had to go to the Eastern Ontario Regional Network for support.

Daniels said hundreds were without service with "absolutely horrendous communication coming from Bell." She said residents received no information on when their service might resume.

Coun. Bob Carter said they should complain about service in general. "We should put them on notice that general failures like this are really not acceptable." (County of Haliburton news compiled by Lisa Gervais).

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County of Haliburton CAO Gary Dyke, business owner and councillor Sabrina Richards, HSAD dean Xavier Masse and Fay Martin of P4P. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

## Workforce and housing key to economy

By Lisa Gervais

Big Hawk Lake Marina owner Sabrina Richards told the Haliburton County Housing Summit Oct. 24 she lives with four men – all employed by the marina – who can't find housing.

She said the mechanic, apprentice, co-op student, and maintenance man, have all come from outside of the County since there is a shortage of skilled tradespeople. And while they are willing to work and live in Algonquin Highlands, the problem is "where to live?"

"I'm looking to stop that and build a place for them to live on my land," Richards said, adding, "there's challenges with that. I live on water. The topography means most of my land that is accessible to build on is only accessed by a seasonal road. I'm looking at converting existing other buildings I have; however, it runs into needing a survey, a zoning amendment, change of use permits for the buildings, building permits, a review

of septic; a lot right off the bat I have to face before I can even get there."

She said she is on the wait list to have her property surveyed and hopes things will speed up after that. "But in the meantime, I'm living with four men."

The all-day forum at the Minden Hills Community Centre was hosted by Places for People. It attracted speakers from the Town of Collingwood and Frontenac County, and featured a panel on working housing and another on densification.

Worker housing panelist, Xavier Masse, the dean of Haliburton School of Art + Design, updated a mix of municipal staff and councillors, as well as the general public, on the student residence. He said the builders will hand over the project to Fleming College on Dec. 20.

It consists of 47 beds in 26 units, with shared dining and living rooms. The college will have to furnish the residence and add finishing touches for a planned Spring intake.

Masse said they are discussing other uses

for the residence when not being used by students, such as corporate retreats from the GTA with custom-made educational programs; and a lifelong learning academy model.

County of Haliburton CAO Gary Dyke, another worker housing panelist, brought the room up to speed on plans for the Wee Care property in Haliburton. In partnership with Habitat for Humanity, it hopes to broker housing on the site, as well as an expanded daycare.

They are looking at 68 residential units in addition to bolstering the daycare. Dyke said the two go hand-in-hand because if you are trying to attract workers, you have to support their families as well. It would also supply housing for daycare workers themselves.

He said they are going through the technical phase of the project now.

Dyke added that after listening to Collingwood and Frontenac staffers, it's about innovation municipalities can bring to the table to address the housing issue.

"There is no one fix, and nobody can do it on their own." He said municipalities can be nimbler. CAOs and planning staff across the County will soon be re-examining planning programs, identifying obstacles and coming up with strategies to eliminate or mitigate them. He added it's about advocacy via the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus and Rural Ontario Municipal Association. He also poked the province and its "archaic" criteria of selling Crown land at market value. If earmarked for housing, he said the province should charge nothing or a reduced rate for available land.

"When you are managing a city or a county, things like housing and workforce, they're key elements to economic development. It's not just bringing in a new industry. It's creating the atmosphere by which the existing industry can maintain and thrive, and that's having workers and having places for workers to live," Dyke said.

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# Youth Unlimited raising money for centre

By Lisa Gervais

Kyle and Leanne Young have taken the reins at Youth Unlimited, and are now in the midst of setting up a youth centre at 2 Victoria St. in Haliburton.

They're calling it the Building the Bridge Youth Centre and said a Nov. 9 fundraising concert will help their not-for-profit.

Leanne grew up in Haliburton for 14 years, until moving out west at 19 to get her degree in youth ministry. She and Kyle then spent the next 10 years working at a youth centre in Moose Jaw supporting at-risk youth.

"If you have grown up here, or raised kids here, you know that as wonderful as Haliburton is to raise a family, there's also a lot of limitations living in a rural community. There are fewer recreational opportunities for kids, and economic and social barriers that come with living in rural Ontario," Leanne said.

"One thing Kyle and I have noticed is there's a lack of places for youth to go after school if they want to just hang out with friends." She said that's important for teens, but can be hard when they come from across the County. She said she recently observed some junior high school boys debating where to go after school, picking the library over the park due to poor weather.

She said it's important for kids to know who they are, where they belong, and what their purpose is. She added trying to answer

these questions can leave youth struggling with their mental health.

The Youngs think a centre could help with that.

Youth Unlimited has been in Haliburton County for the past 17 years, but hasn't had a building for the past seven and there's been leadership changes in the past five. They were able to lease 2 Victoria St. in August. They'd like to open Mondays and Thursdays after school starting mid-November. They will be encouraging Grade 6 to 12 students to drop in. They currently offer gym nights once a month for those grades at the high school.

With the Youth Hub on Dysart Ave., Leanne said they get asked how they are different. She said the hub offers clinical resources to help youth with their physical and mental wellbeing, something Youth Unlimited is not equipped to offer. "And they are already at full capacity for their drop-in hours," she said of the need for another space.

They plan to host more recreational and social programs. "We're really excited to be able to open the doors... to invite youth in after-school to a warm and safe place where they can hang out with their peers, connect with adult mentors, and learn some fun skills, such as cooking, baking, art, sports, wood working and eat good food." They're next to the park and its basketball court, and outdoor rink, and are working to restore the commercial kitchen once used by SIRCH.



Kyle and Leanne Young with Brian Plouffe. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

"Our hope is to be another resource for youth because one youth centre isn't able to support all the youth in Haliburton County.

"If you are ever in town from 3-4 p.m., you will see the herds of youth flocking to the park and to the downtown core.

"In the colder months, hanging outside becomes much less appealing and convenient."

## The Concert

### Building the Bridge Youth Centre

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## Organization addresses YFC views on LGBT

*The Highlander* asked the Youngs about Youth Unlimited, and the fact they are branded under 'youth for Christ (YFC).' *The Globe and Mail* ran a Jan. 14 story about how YFC, the global Christian ministry behind Youth Unlimited, has policies restricting open identification as 2SLGBTQ+. A Dec. 1, 2022 CBC article quoted another organization under the YFC umbrella saying YFC's hiring policies are discriminatory toward members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community.

Kyle said, "our stance nationally is that we are welcoming in, but we're not going to be affirming of... We're going to teach our values, but it doesn't mean we're going to shut them down or turn them away." Asked if they would try to convert teens from identifying as 2SLGBTQ+, Kyle said, "it's about conversations. So, we present the information and whether they decide or not, it's up to them."

Leanne said when they worked in Moose Jaw, they worked with lots of kids who

identified as gay, bisexual and lesbian "and we just loved kids where they were at. We see you as a person... I don't just look at your sexuality, I see you as a whole person."

Leanne added they had worked with kids the past year who are identifying as 2SLGBTQ+, and they are told they are valued and welcomed."

Kyle said they want to care for people "holistically; physically, spiritually and emotionally and relationally overall."

He said people have asked them if they would turn people away because of how they identify, or their beliefs, and the answer is "no, we're not going to turn them away. We also have to operate within our values and our timelines and what we are offering. So we are not able to offer counselling on that level."

They said the youth hub is filling that void. (Lisa Gervais).

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- October 31 – Regular Council Meeting
- November 14 – Regular Council Meeting

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# Looking for a new solution to real problems 'exciting'

By Mike Baker

After spending the past two years post-pandemic advocating for greater mental health support for people in Haliburton County, Point in Time executive director Marg Cox has lauded recently-tabled federal legislation calling for increased access to care in urban and rural areas nationwide.

Courtenay-Alberni MP Gord Johns, a member of the NDP caucus, introduced Bill C-414, the Mental Health and Substance Use Parity Act, on Oct. 10. If passed, the bill will amend the Canada Health Act to expand the definition of insured services to include community-based mental health addictions and substance use supports.

The bill received first reading on World Mental Health Day, with Johns saying it could eventually open the door for people to receive services such as counselling and psychotherapy through their public health insurance plans.

Currently, provincial and territorial health plans are only required to cover mental health and substance use health services prescribed by physicians, or in hospitals deemed medically necessary.

Because of the lack of public coverage, Johns said millions of Canadians do not get the care they need.

"This landmark legislation would begin to address the disparity between mental and physical health in our health care system by creating a federal requirement for provinces and territories to include coverage of community-based support in their health insurance plans and to ensure that timely, inclusive, and accessible care is enshrined into law," Johns said when tabling the bill.

Cox agreed existing universal mental health services are "very limited." She hopes any additional funding would also include expansions to services provided by non-profits such as Point in Time.

Demand for service at the organization's Youth Wellness Hub has skyrocketed since 2020, with the space recording around 2,000 visits for drop-ins and other skills and wellbeing activities between April 2023 and March 2024. They have seen more than 230 unique youth accessing clinical services.

A full-time nurse practitioner assists with referrals and prescriptions, while offering advice on how to improve physical and mental health. Cox said there's also virtual access to a psychiatrist, while counselling for

mental health and substance use issues is also available.

Should the bill receive the necessary support – it needs to be debated by politicians in a second reading in the House of Commons, be progressed to the committee stage for further review and analysis, pass a majority vote at third reading, and receive final approval at the Senate – Cox hopes the next step is fending off further privatization of Canada's health care sector and incentivizing rural workers to stay in their communities.

She believes the stigma around mental health and substance use issues still looms large, especially in small communities.

"That's why we're in total support – people currently can't access services because they aren't covered by their health insurance," Cox said. "They should be just as accessible and be on par with physical health services we all enjoy... if the problem was an [epidemic] of broken bones or cancer diagnoses people would definitely be sharing what's going on."

## Schmale support

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale indicated he would be prepared to support the bill. "Unfortunately, more Canadians are grappling with depression, anxiety and other mental health conditions – a problem that has only gotten worse since the pandemic," he said.

"Statistics released in 2021 tell us that one in five people in this country have been diagnosed with symptoms of depression, anxiety or post-traumatic stress disorder. Sadly, the health-care system isn't well-equipped to address such high levels of mental distress.

"During the 2021 federal election, I proudly campaigned on a commitment to increase the Canada Health Transfer by six per cent each year for the next 10 years that would pump \$60 billion into provincial jurisdictions and help to boost mental health support. The goal was to ensure the new federal money would be used to help Canadians receive mental health treatment every year while also reducing wait times.

"Conservatives also had a plan to encourage employers to add mental health coverage to their employee benefit plans by offering a 25 per cent tax credit for three years to offset any additional costs incurred. The credit



MP Jamie Schmale said he would support a proposal to improve access to mental health and addictions support through the Canada Health Act. *File*.

would also be available to firms that boost the coverage they already offer workers."

Schmale said mental health is a serious issue and needs the focus of all levels of government and he will be closely following Bill C-414 in the House of Commons and participate in debate should it come to the floor.

As of Aug. 31, the Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, Pine Ridge district health unit estimates there have been 224 hospitalizations due to drug overdose in 2024, with 36 suspected deaths.

Jack Veitch of the Canadian Mental Health Association Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge said any move to increase access to mental health and substance use supports would be a positive.

"The more services, the more variety of care and support we can make available to the population, the more likely we're going to see success for different people," Veitch said. "I'm not sure to what extent this will happen, but to see that people are actively looking for a new solution to some real problems is exciting."

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# Confidence lost

After allowing it to seemingly flounder for three or so years, the province has stepped in to save the Kawartha Haliburton Children's Aid Society.

The Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services has stepped in and appointed a supervisor to run the agency that is headquartered in Peterborough, with offices in Lindsay and Haliburton.

They had lots to say about how they had lost confidence in the local executive and its board. They don't think the status quo can right the operational or financial ship.

The province says it's given KHCAS nearly \$5 million more than its usual handout since 2020-21. Further, it says it's worked with the society to address findings of various reviews. The ministry didn't share those reviews, or findings, mind you.

Naturally, we followed up with some questions for the ministry since we'd been told the deficit was due to years of funding reductions, increased costs, increased complexity of need, and the lack of services required by legislation within the funding allocation.

We asked what the shuffling of cards means for KHCAS' plans to close the Haliburton

office and reduce staff effective April 1. The ministry did not answer the question.

We asked if they were doing the same thing with other CASs, since more than half of child welfare agencies in the province were projecting deficits at the end of last fiscal year. The ministry did not respond.

We've been told foster families are only getting \$50-a-day per child, and that has contributed to the deficit since CASs are being forced to use outside paid resources to house children, that are largely for-profit, and licensed by the ministry. They can cost between \$400 and \$2,600 a day. How, we inquired, has the province not contributed to the problem?

We also got a 'background' on this one to school us on the fact there are two key types of out-of-home care providers in Ontario, with different funding relationships. First is a transfer payment recipient (TPR), which receives direct transfer payments from the ministry and has a contractual agreement to provide out-of-home care to young people.

The second is an outside paid resource (OPR), which enters into a contract with the caregiver or agency placing the child. OPRs include registered charities, not-for-profits,

and for-profit resources which provide services like foster care. OPRs negotiate their contracts and agreements with placing agencies, such as societies. Societies are

responsible for identifying a placement for a child admitted to its care that best meets the child's needs.

We also asked them about a June report from the Financial Accountability Office (FAO) which said the Ford government is underspending on their own commitments to social services by a shocking \$3.7 billion.

Their response? "The FAO's opinions are not representative of actual government spending as they use a different methodology, including their own analysis and projections of Ontario expenses." They then went on to tell us how much they spent according to their methodology.

Clearly not enough if what CASs are telling media is to be believed. If any confidence has been lost, it's in the Ford government.



By Lisa Gervais

## NATURE'S CALLING

# Mother Nature: take a bow

What an October. All I can say is bravo, Mother Nature, bravo.

October has been a month of variety, offering us a plethora of reasons to step outside and enjoy nature's gifts.

She started with the leaves changing colour, which were beautiful as always; the reds, oranges, and yellows were popping in the forest. Then, Mother Nature showed us the northern lights. We are seeing these more because experts say the sun is at the peak of its activity cycle this year. Roughly every 11 years, the sun's magnetic poles reverse, and as that flip approaches, there tends to be much more magnetic activity, causing more sunspots at the surface. These fantastic colours, blues, greens, pinks, purples, and reds, have left many Ontarians in awe of the beautiful night sky. I did not know much about the Northern Lights, but I have been researching and learning more.

Next, Mother Nature thought she would give us the unbelievable sighting of the Hunter's moon. This moon blew my mind; it

was so big and so orange as it was set in the sky. You didn't need a flashlight that night. The moon lit up the nighttime sky so well.

Then she did something unique that I had never seen. A comet.

I spent four evenings outside watching it. The first night, I could see it with the naked eye, and after that, I used binoculars. I was very fortunate to get some pictures of it. I had my two granddaughters, Danika, who is six, and Mackenzie, who is five, over for one weekend and taught them how to use binoculars so that they could see the comet. It was an excellent experience for them. We sat in the backyard watching it for a while and looking at all the stars; we even saw the seven sisters in the sky that night. I took lots of pictures so I could show them when they are bigger, in case they forget.

Mother Nature didn't stop there; she threw in a meteor shower. Unfortunately, I didn't get to see this; it was quite cloudy at our place; however, I did get outdoors and lay in the grass, hoping to see it.

This weekend, a few girlfriends and I headed to deer camp for a bit of bow hunting, and of course, what did we have the honour of seeing while there? The Northern Lights, and again, they were breathtaking. The girls and I stood outside watching them for a while, taking in all the colours and seeing the Milky Way and the Seven Sisters, which added to our weekend experience.

I honestly don't think Mother Nature is going to be able to top her performance this month, but I do hope she tries. I will definitely be outdoors watching for her next breathtaking view.

I hope you all headed outdoors this month and had the chance to see some of these sights she gave us to experience and learn about.



By Toni Cooper

Correction: In Hay... help Walkabout feed the horses (*The Highlander*, Oct. 17, page 12) just to clarify that Walkabout Farm's email address is walkaboutfarmtra.com and they are a registered charitable organization (that can provide charitable tax receipts to donors).



## SEND IN YOUR PHOTO OF THE WEEK

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## LETTERS

## Flag decision queried

**Dear editor,**

Minden Pride is in full support of Dysart council's decision to raise the 'wrapped in courage' flag Nov. 25 to Dec. 2. It is important to see our community leaders stand up against violence toward women and support equal human rights for all.

It is disappointing that in August this year, the Pride Flag was not given the same acknowledgement. This flag, known globally, represents the 2SLGBTQIA community, which is more than 10 per cent of the population. For the last 10 years, Minden Pride has worked diligently to gain the trust and respect of people in the Haliburton Highlands. Instead, the flag was denied being flown and we were referred to as a special interest group. As a result of this decision, many people approached us to let us know how unhappy and upset they were with the council's decision.

Our annual festival, one of the largest in the County, boosts the economic development of many local businesses and promotes tourism. The Pride Flag is about more than a week of fun activities. It represents year-round support for the many members of our community who continue to be victims of harassment and those who are threatened just for trying to live open and peaceful lives. The recent homophobic graffiti in Head Lake Park demonstrates that our work is far from done.

Raising the Pride flag signifies that everyone is welcome here, and that diversity is an important part in achieving an inclusive and safe place for us to all live. We hope the new flag policy being drafted will more equally support all the organizations whose goal is to make the Haliburton Highlands a better place for everyone.

**Allan Guinan**  
Chair, Minden Pride 2024

## Our kids need your help

**Dear editor,**

To date, TLDSB's safety review of busing changes has been withheld from the public. Director of education, Wes Hahn, claims all TLDSB's decisions are evidence-based. If this is true and evidence was collected, why won't the board share their evidence with the public? Seemingly, a safety review has shifted to a drive around the neighbourhood.

TLDSB, which was it - a comprehensive safety review or a visual inspection? If a drive constitutes a safety review, then some would say TLDSB is misusing their position of trust and authority.

Further, families were told to contact the school if they had concerns, not Patricia Hayward or Tim Ellis. Perhaps TLDSB would have a better idea of the public's concerns had they provided families proper routes of communication.

The most troubling element may be that two County mayors are telling TLDSB this decision is not in the best interests of their students and it is putting children in danger. It appears the school board is not heeding the concerns of elected officials who represent thousands of voices. Instead, it is attempting

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Midori Nagai captured this image of the recent Northern Lights show over the Highlands.

to minimize the magnitude of this poor decision by claiming to have had only two complaints.

I encourage anyone who wouldn't want their youngest loved ones walking to school on a dark, cold, snowy morning with no crossing guards, no safe crosswalks, roads that don't have shoulders and large snow plows to contact Hahn, wes.hahn@tldsb.on.ca.

Perhaps suggest to him that rural school routes should not be compared to urban ones. There is not a one-size-fits-all with a district as large and diverse as TLDSB. Remind him his duties include enhancing public confidence in our publicly-funded schools and ignoring our mayors' concerns is doing the exact opposite.

My final thought lies with trustees, our locally-elected representatives and communities' advocates for public education; to represent interests of constituents. Our kids need your help - where are you?

**Aurora McGinn**  
Mindens Hills

## Scotch Line upgrade costs

**Dear editor,**

I cannot understand why municipalities have to pay HST to the provincial and federal governments. Home construction gets exempted from HST. The HST estimate for

the Scotch Line upgrade alone is \$30,000. Surely municipalities could get together and ask for HST exemptions for all construction costs.

**Paul Zalan**  
Mindens

## Thank you

**Dear editor,**

Hats off to the County for road work done on County Road 503. Praise should be given to the construction company who did the road work. It is a pleasure to drive on this road and a thank you should be given to all those who made this possible, so I say thank you.

**Beverly MacDuff**  
Gooderham

## Upset over North Shore Road decision

**Dear editor,**

As a signer of the North Shore Road safety zone petition, I am dismayed by public works manager Adam Thorne's logic in dismissing our petition; specifically in his misuse of statistics from the electronic signs posted on North Shore Road.

One was placed at 1256 North Shore, in

the middle of the section referred to in our petition. Its statistics are relevant to our request. The second sign, at Dawson Road on the Maple Lake section of North Shore, is nowhere near the section of concern. This is a section of road which, by its very nature, discourages speeding. Its statistics are not directly relevant to our petition. Only by combining the statistics of these two very different signs is it possible to say there is no problem.

The statistics from the 1,256 electronic sign tell a vastly different story. The first dates show that of the eastbound vehicles approaching the sign, 27.45 per cent continued to speed, while of those westbound, over 66 per cent were speeding. The second dates are even more dramatic, with over 30 per cent of eastbound and 66 per cent of westbound driving over the limit. To look at these figures and conclude that there is no speeding problem is simply bizarre, yet somehow that is Mr Thorne's opinion.

He later comments that when someone stands on the road, they think that someone is going 80 km/h when they're only doing 45. To dismiss the concerns of the vast majority of the road's residents in this way is simplistic and condescending. Considering the statistics from the electronic sign, it seems much more likely that people 'standing on the road' know when they see it.

**Ken Mavor**  
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# Director not pulling any punches at HIFF

By Lisa Gervais

Fresh off the plane from a film festival in Indianapolis, Avi Federgreen takes a time out to discuss his movie's headline appearance at the upcoming Haliburton International Film Festival (HIFF).

The film's director is bringing a few of his colleagues Nov. 2 to answer questions after the screening of *Home Free*.

While he says, "we let the questions drive the conversation," he later adds, "I don't pull any punches. Take it or leave it. It's ok if you want to leave it, but I'm not hiding behind anything anymore and I don't think you (audiences) should either."

*Home Free* is a Canadian drama, released in 2024. The film stars Natalie Brown, Michelle Nolden and Tara Spencer-Nairn, as Daisy, Rain and Ivy, three sisters who return home for their parents' fiftieth wedding anniversary, only to face the news that their father Herb (Art Hindle) is dying of brain cancer. It premiered at the 2024 Cinéfest Sudbury International Film Festival, where it caught the eye of HIFF member Marci Mandel. She invited Federgreen to HIFF.

In Indianapolis, the director says he was approached by a viewer who told him, "I didn't realize what I was signing up for when the movie started playing." She said 'this is my family... my father is dying right now... thank you for telling this story and thank you for creating a story that I can wrap myself around and help me heal but also help me move forward.'

Federgreen said the film has been "a labour of love." It took eight years to make and "went through a lot of bumpy roads to get to this point."

He says he couldn't raise any money out of the funding system in Canada for the film. As someone who has suffered depression and anxiety for years, it drove him to attempt suicide. After a 30-year career, he was devastated he could not get financial backing.

"Fortunately for me, my father-in-law and wife essentially saved me. My father-in-law gave me the money, no strings attached to make the film. If it wasn't for them, there would be no movie. Everybody thinks the film industry is all glamour and I can tell you there's more tears than there is glamour in the film industry in this country."

Federgreen doesn't shy away from dark subject matter. The film addresses medical assistance in dying, mental health, LGBTQ issues and childhood sexual assault.

"These are all topics that need to be discussed... and create a conversation about. I've spent my career talking about things that are important and matter, not making fluff."

Out of 70-plus films he's been involved in, he is most proud of this one.

"The job of filmmakers is to tell those stories and help people get through the hard parts of life." Attached to the film is a website of resources for people dealing with some of the issues the film depicts.

Federgreen knows the film will resonate for people in Haliburton County.

"Twenty to 25 per cent, maybe even more people in the audience, are fighting demons. They come up to me after screenings and thank me for telling my story, they're going through the same thing but don't have the courage to outwardly talk about it. I've shown them you can be outwardly committed to telling these stories so it can help other people. I'm going to continue to tell my story. I'm not embarrassed by it. I don't think you should be embarrassed about being honest about what you are going through."

He added the movie is about a broken family. "I would bet you 80 per cent or 90 per cent of the people in that room have broken families, and most of them realize it while they're watching the movie, and they thank me after the film."

"The more people who can see this film the happier I am. It's not about dollars and cents for me. If I save one person, I've done my job."

Those Other Movies presents the Haliburton International Film Festival (HIFF) Nov. 1-3 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. To reserve passes and see more details about the full lineup go to [thoseothermovies.com](http://thoseothermovies.com).

Canadian filmmaker, Avi Federgreen, brings *Home Free* to HIFF Nov. 2. *Submitted*.





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The ACM Designs team earned five awards at the National Decorating and Design Awards Oct. 10. *Submitted*.

## ACM building a brighter future in Haliburton

By Mike Baker

After scooping five honours at the National Decorating and Design (NDD) awards in Toronto this month, County-based ACM Designs is providing the blueprint for how a small rural firm can turn heads on the big stage.

The company took home two second place and three third place awards after recently being recognized for work in commercial space design, interior decoration, and kitchen configuration. The event was held Oct. 10 at The Sutton Place Hotel in Toronto.

Nicole Marshall, ACM Designs spokesperson, said the NDD awards are one of the most prestigious events in Canada, celebrating the best interior decorators and designers in the country.

“There are a couple thousand places that compete for these awards. You get people

from all over Canada – individual design firms, massive large-scale design firms. It’s a pretty big deal,” Marshall said.

Different from other celebrations, the NDDs look beyond the finished product to consider all aspects of a project, including blueprints, design sketches, and other prep work. All submissions are peer-reviewed by people who work in the industry, Marshall said.

ACM took home silver in commercial space for its Mill Pond Restaurant makeover, completed in fall 2023. Designer Saqib Abdullah was recognized for his work. Company founder Andria Cowan Molyneaux also scooped second in the kitchen under \$65,000 category for a home project on Kennisis Lake.

Bronze medals were issued in commercial space for the remodeling of the Baumgartner Realty office on Highland Street – designed by Katie Woodward; interior decoration

single room over \$35,000 for a Redstone Lake cottage project; and interior decoration single room under \$35,000 at a Kennisis Lake property – both designed by Cowan Molyneaux.

“We are truly honoured to be recognized by our peers in such an incredible way. It’s a testament to my team, and I couldn’t be more proud,” the owner said.

Marshall felt the awards for work completed in the commercial sector are significant given the level of competition from big city firms.

“There’s not a huge amount of opportunity for that kind of work, where companies want to do a complete overhaul, in Haliburton. So, it’s incredible to be recognized for something that isn’t necessarily our specialty,” Marshall said.

By competing with some of the biggest and best firms in the country, she feels ACM

Designs is putting Haliburton County on the map as an interior design and decoration destination. The firm, launched in 2012, has grown in recent years, now boasting more than a dozen employees – including six dedicated designers.

With opportunities to expand their portfolios in Haliburton County, Marshall said ACM is offering people an opportunity to further their career without needing to relocate to a large urban hub.

This is the second consecutive year the County firm has scooped multiple NDD awards after winning three in 2023. They also garnered three prizes at the Peterborough and Kawartha Home Builders’ Association awards in February.

“The trophy shelf is very full at this point,” Marshall said.



### More Chamber winners

Above left: Retail business of the year winners Kohara + Co. & WAI Products team members. Above right: Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation picks up their not-for-profit of the year award. *Photos by Justin Belanger*



# Coneybeare taking trip to retirement

By Lisa Gervais

When Linda Coneybeare first started in the travel business, she was a fresh-faced 21-year-old, working for then British Overseas Airways Corporation at Pearson Airport in Toronto in the 1970s.

"When I began, we didn't have computers," she recalled in a recent interview. "We literally weighed every bag and gave the measurements to the guys who figured out the weights and the positioning of the bags and the fuel. We hand-wrote the baggage tags."

It was a big deal when they got their first computer – named Boudica, warrior queen of early Britian. "There was one person in charge of the thing that took up an entire room. It was a game-changer when it came to booking and issuing tickets.

"I used to hand-write my tickets. We had dial phones. Then came faxes. Now, email and scanning and instant communication around the world."

In the mid-80s, Coneybeare loved her job but decided she loved her hometown of Haliburton more. Her father was ill at the time so she came home. Her dad died in 1985. Coneybeare got married, had children, and divorced.

She started working at a travel agency in Haliburton that "morphed from name to name to name, and, in 2001, just before 9/11, Transat bought a string of agencies including mine." She has been working for the company ever since.

Her last day was Oct. 25. She said "wonderful" things are happening in her life. She is moving to Ottawa temporarily to help her fiancé there refresh his house to sell, and the two plan to move back to Haliburton County next year.

At 72, Coneybeare jokes, "I'm way past my retirement date."

It's been quite a career, spanning 9/11, to COVID, and natural disasters.



Linda Coneybeare is retiring following a 34-year career. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

"9/11 was horrific. There wasn't much travel for anybody for a couple of months until things were sorted out. A lot of people left the industry. I kept on and business returned." She had a client in the air that day who told her the pilot didn't say anything as the plane landed in Halifax, on route to Toronto. She's seen *Come from Away* and is "so proud of what Canada did that day."

With the pandemic, she recalled having a customer on an around-the-world cruise and the boat trying to moor in Perth, Australia. However, the government was not allowing any more people into the country. Coneybeare had to get the client home. She was not keen on routing through the U.S. but got the client back via Vancouver and Toronto. "That was a long haul, and late nights, but it was my job and I was concerned."

When there was a "terrible earthquake"

in South America, resulting in tsunami warnings, she recalled having a client on a cruise from Buenos Aires around The Horn up to Valparaiso, Chile. Ports and airports were damaged and they were not sure how to get passengers home. There was even talk of busing over the Andes to Buenos Aries. It was suggested they turn the ship around and head back to Buenos Aires, which they did, without incident. It was another experience of calls to family members and late nights before getting the client safely home.

Coneybeare added, "COVID changed everything. When my office was closed, I didn't think I'd be able to continue working. How could I work remote?" She soon mastered that art. Last year, she was one of the top-selling agents in Ontario and won a trip to France with Transat.

The biggest perk of her career is having been able to travel extensively and take her

children, and now grandchildren, with her.

"Through the 90s, I travelled a lot with my children in Europe, the Normandy beaches, and going to Yorkshire where my grandmother was born."

However, she said the industry "is just not that great anymore" with online bookings and discount airlines.

In addition, three years ago, Coneybeare had breast cancer. She is fine now but says "it was sort of a sign. I didn't want to keep that pace anymore." Her daughter's family lives in Grimsby and her son's family are local but spends six months of the year in Florida. Plus, says the travel lover, "I have books to read and things to do and I just felt it was time to start winding down."

Asked what she'll miss, Coneybeare says, "The clients I made happy. It's all about the details and I'm good on details. Some of my clients I have been booking for 30 years."

## Linda's top five travel destinations

1. Wadi Rum desert, Jordan – "You walk around and do a complete 360 degrees, and you don't know what century you're in. There's nothing that will tell you."
2. Iceland – "I stood over the open steam fissures and had the steam from the centre of the earth coming up and covering me."
3. Scotland's Orkney Islands – "5,000-year-old Norwegian standing stones you can touch and people don't know why they're there."
4. A big pit coal mine in Cardiff, Wales – She had ancestors work there and, "I'll never complain about my job again."
5. Ireland – Ashford Castle, walking in the forest with a falconer – "I'm in Ireland with a falcon on my arm."

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### Spooky family fun

The Haunting at Minden Hills 2024 event was held at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre just behind the library Oct 26. Kids and their parents came out to enjoy some spooky family fun. A lot of different events were planned out by Robert Wong, including story time at the library, a witches' dance workshop presented by Dance Happens Here, and a costume parade, as well as Pockets the Clown painting scary faces for the kids, getting them ready for the parade.

Above: The witches of Minden Hills; Tiffany Howe, Melissa Tong, Julie Barban and Renee Griffith. Right: Bowser walking in the costume parade. *Photos by Justin Belanger.*



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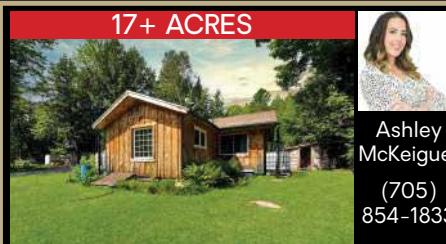
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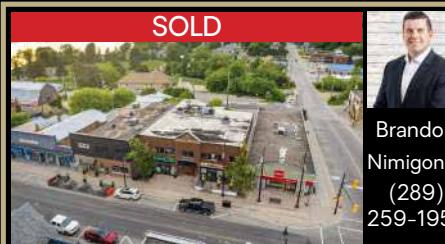
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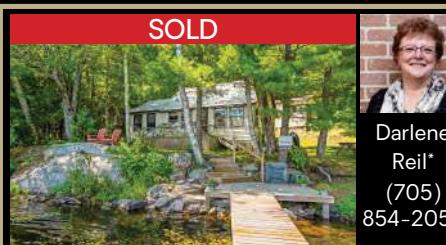
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Jim Carrell has been ice racing in Minden for about 20 years. Photo by Mike Baker.

## Ice racing a 34-year staple in Minden

By Mike Baker

Hitting a long stretch of ice while behind the wheel would be a rare white-knuckle experience for most drivers, but for Minden's Jim Carrell that's a regular Saturday come wintertime.

The recently-retired Kinsmen is one of the many faces behind the Minden Ice Races. Each year, volunteers transform the fairgrounds into a winding, frozen-over circuit that draws people from across North America. It's one of the few "dry land" locations in the country, and the home of ice racing in Ontario.

With winter right around the corner, Carrell said excitement is starting to set in as he prepares for a 35th season of racing in the community. He said the Minden Kin Club has been building and maintaining the track for as long as racing has been coming to Minden.

"It's the Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs (CASC) ice racing competition for Ontario region. They used to go community to community, but now Minden is the sole home. We have racing here for six weekends," Carrell said, noting it's been that way since the 1970s.

"Because of the costs involved and the effort it takes to get the track set up, it wouldn't make sense for us to do this and have it be a one and done... it's a great draw, we get people from as far away as Thunder Bay. Aside from snowmobiling, it's probably one of the things people come to the County most for during winter," he added.

Carrell, who owned and operated Minden Collision for decades before passing the business to his son, Jeff, this summer, has dabbled in racing for 30-plus years. He's been racing in Minden for the past 20.

The adrenaline rush while sitting behind his wheel, waiting for the flag to drop, is unlike anything he's experienced before.

"I'm smiling just thinking about it – I can't wait to get back out there. Flying down the straight, heading into a turn, looking to your side and seeing one of your buddy's right there with you, almost door-to-door, I can't explain it. It's so much fun," Carrell said.

His chosen four-wheeled chariot is a 2009 Subaru Forester. The car cost him \$500, a write-off for usual purposes, but perfect for ice racing. He estimates investing about \$1,000 to get it race-ready, spending another \$700 on a set of studded tires. All in, for \$2,500, he gets months of excitement and entertainment.

"It doesn't have to be an expensive hobby by any means – I'm five years in with this car now and running it year-to-year, it's not a lot of money at all," he said. "I've got to make sure the brakes are good, that the seatbelt is in working order, replace the oil – but aside from that, it's good to go."

Races are split into different classes depending on car specification – four-wheel, front-wheel, or rear-wheel drive – and type of tire, either street studs or standard winter rubbers. There are options to ride alone, or with a passenger – where you race as a pair and alternate the lead.

While it used to be the wild west in terms of what was allowed, there has been some new regulations recently. Because of the shorter winters and unpredictably warmer weather at times, CASC introduced limits on the types of studded tires that can be used. It's important now, when the Kin Club gets the track in racing shape, that it not get ripped up every weekend by longer spikes, Carrell said.

"Last year we only got four weekends in, and that was with the new regulations," he said.

The races attract about 60 drivers for a six weekend season, usually beginning in January. Carrell said the best resource for anyone wanting to get involved is the CASC website, where all the rules are posted as well as helpful tips and tricks.

When selecting a car, Carrell said make sure it's not completely rusted underneath – due to the slippery nature of ice racing, collisions are frequent. "We don't want cars falling apart because that's when people get hurt."

Most of the interior can be stripped away, save for the driver seat and seatbelt. Airbags must be taken out, Carrell said. Exterior lights on the front must come off too, while bumpers must be properly secured, and a rear-facing light installed so other drivers know where you are.

"That's important, especially in the studded-tire class. Those cars throw snow in the air like nobody's business. It's like being in the worst blizzard you've ever seen," Carrell said.

He's been competitive on the circuit, winning a championship recently, but for Carrell ice racing is all about camaraderie and community.

"It's like having a whole other family. I've made some lifelong friendships through racing. Everyone is competing for the checkered flag at the end, but there's a lot of laughs away from the track when the race is over," Carrell said.

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Reid was an unstoppable force this weekend, and showed amazing effort and determination.



The Highland Storm's U15 Rep Haliburton Timber Mart team took home the 'A' champs' title at the Matt Duchene Fall Classic tournament this past weekend. *Submitted.*

## U15 Rep keep the hardware at home

The U15 Rep Haliburton Timber Mart team has come out of the gates this season proving they are a force to be reckoned with.

Coached by Kevin Lamplugh, Dylan Keefer, Michael Campbell and Andrew Dawson, the squad has shown an impressive balance of offensive firepower and defensive grit.

Throughout the Matt Duchene Fall Classic home tournament this past weekend, they outscored their opponents by a wide margin, with numerous players finding the back of the net and working well together as a unit.

With a combination of experienced returning players and new talent, the U15 roster is deep and versatile, capable of adjusting to various game situations and strategies.

Offensively, the team has been led by top linemates Vanek Logan, Jack Tomlinson and Reid McEathron, along with Brody Hartwig, Luke Gruppe and Brycen Harrison. Standing their ground and

stepping up when needed are Cruize Neave, Lucas Vale and Hunter Hamilton.

Meanwhile, the defensive line has been rock-solid thanks to Zach Prentice, Matt Scheffee, Hudson Meyer, Levi Rowe, Leighton Nesbitt and Ethan Decarlo, who have displayed strong positioning, timely poke checks and a dedication to protecting their goalie. Blake Hutchinson has made some remarkable saves when called upon, providing a solid foundation at the back.

The team would like to thank parents, friends and fans for cheering loud and supporting this past weekend.

If the first few games are any indication, the U15 Rep team is on track for an exciting and successful season. Be sure to stop by and cheer at their next home game, this upcoming Friday, Nov. 1, 7 p.m. in Minden. *(Submitted).*

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# Winning streak resets after road loss

By Lisa Gervais

With the exception of an Oct. 25 blip – a 6-2 loss to the Pickering Panthers on the road – the Haliburton County Huskies continue to show dominance in the OJHL East Conference – winning their other two weekend games.

The Huskies remain on top of their division, with a sizzling record of 15 wins and four losses, for 30 points. That is a 0.789 winning percentage, in which they have outscored their opponents 80 to 52. They are on another two-game winning streak.

They only trail the Leamington Flyers by a single point out of the league's 24 teams.

The team was in 10th place in the Canadian Junior Hockey League rankings as of this week's Oct. 28 release.

Something had to give after a torrid 11 game winning streak heading to Pickering Friday night. The Huskies flagged against the seventh place Panthers. However, the blue and white rebounded with a convincing win over the St. Mike's Buzzers on home ice Saturday afternoon, and an expected victory over last place North York on the road.

Corbin Votary recorded his second shutout of the season Sunday night. His first was Sept. 15 versus the Toronto Junior Canadians, the inaugural of his junior career.

"Obviously, it's not just me putting in all the work, but it's definitely a good feeling after, knowing that the team did a good job in front of you, most of the time, to make it a lot easier for myself. It's definitely a good feeling."

It was also a comeback for the young goalie after being pulled in the second period of Friday night's game in Pickering.

"We were on a heater (11 game winning streak), and maybe we just got a bit complacent going into that game. Obviously, I didn't have the best game, but we bounced back Saturday. Going into Sunday was a good bounce back game for me. I performed well and so did the team."

The netminder was asked about teams peaking too soon in a season.

"I think coach (Ryan Ramsay) is doing a good job in practice. We're all giving 100 per cent each and every day, keep moving forward and getting better each day. Definitely feeling good and starting this new streak now."

Votary said his personal challenge is to stay calm and collected in net, and not try to overplay. "Just staying in between the posts and try to get my body in front of everything."

## Huskies 8 Rangers 0

A dominant Huskies squad brought their A game to North York Oct. 27, thumping the home side 8-0.

The goal parade started just 18 seconds in, as Isaac Larmand notched his sixth, from Kaiden Thatcher and Carson Littlejohn.

Just over a minute later, Adam Smeeton bulged the twine, his fifth of the year, with helpers from Noah Lodoen and Littlejohn.

At 7:52, the rout was on – Deandres De Jesus scored his 11th, from Ty Petrou and Camron Hankai.

The second saw tallies from Petrou (Alex Bradshaw and Nathan Poole); Littlejohn (Petrou, Poole); and Ryder Dagenais (unassisted) just over the half way mark of the second. Hankai made it a 7-0 game with three seconds left on the second-period clock, thanks to Sam Black and Curtis Allen dishes.

Poole put the finishing touches on this one at 5:36 of the third, from Thatcher and Petrou.

## Huskies 3 Buzzers 1

The St. Michael's Buzzers opened the scoring in an Oct. 26 game at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Ethan Nobes stung the home side at 3:21 of the first. The period ended with the visitors up 1-0.

In the second, the Huskies got on the board with Hankai banging one in at 5:36, from Larmand and Allen, to notch it at ones.

In the third, Petrou, scoring from Littlejohn and Dagenais at 7:16, recorded the game-



Goalie Carter Nadon kicks out a save in the second period Saturday.

*Photo by Justin Belanger.*

winning goal. Bradshaw sealed the deal with an empty-netter with one second left on the clock.

Carter Nadon turned aside 32 of 33 shots.

## Panthers 6 Huskies 2

The Pickering Panthers ended the Huskies' 11-game winning streak at their home barn Oct. 25.

Petrou opened the scoring for the blue and white, at 9:04 of the first, from Thatcher and Poole. Less than five minutes later, the Panthers answered on a Zijian Zhou tally.

However, Dagenais gave the Huskies a 2-1 lead at 15:12 of the first, with assists to Peter Saroglou and Lodoen.

But the Panthers dominated the rest of the game, with five unanswered goals to make it a 6-2 finish.

**Next up:** The Huskies host the Cobourg Cougars at S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena Nov. 2. Puck drop 4 p.m. They then hit the road Nov. 3 for a tilt against the Markham Royals.

**Schedule change:** The Nov. 19 game versus Wellington has been changed to Nov. 14. 7 p.m. puck drop.

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# Raising roof for wildlife at Woodlands

By Lisa Gervais

Percy, a baby porcupine, nibbles on Monika Melichar's ear as the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary founder discusses the 2024 season to date at the Duck Lake Road rescue.

She's also promoting their Bid Wild 4 Wildlife online Christmas auction, which begins Nov. 1 at 8 a.m. and runs to Nov. 10, at 8 p.m.

"We were successful in saving him," Melichar says of Percy. "He got deathly sick on us three times, and each time we brought him through it." Of course, that has come about as a result of staff and volunteer time, and money.

Inside the main complex is a red-tailed hawk they've been looking after.

He arrived "very dehydrated and starved," Melichar says. The animals do not speak and cannot tell their stories but the wildlife advocate says, "a few days not being able to hunt and it's a quick downhill spiral for them. He was down and out, and we brought him back, and now he's on an upward spiral, which is great. We will be able to release him in time (to migrate) which is good news, they don't fly far."

At times, Melichar had to attend to the hawk every two hours. There was medicine and four live mice a day for food.

Then there's one of five fawns, which had

a fractured hind leg. It was sent to a wildlife vet in Caledon to have pins placed in its leg. Because the vet is a charity, WWS donated \$2,000 towards the cost. There was the expense of strong antibiotics for six weeks. A bag of milk for fawns costs \$130 and lasts a couple of weeks.

Melichar said they have taken in more than 750 animals already this year. Recently, there were 70 animals at WWS. They average 150 in the summer. "Overall, it's been a little busier than last year," she says.

## Online auction

Melichar said they are raising money to put a carport-style roof over their existing complex at the rescue. It's the main office but also the nursery and intensive care unit for animals. "We have all our critical and young animals in there... so we really need a safe place for them." Now, she said the roof leaks during rain.

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Monika Melichar with Percy, a baby porcupine, at Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary.  
Photo by Lisa Gervais.

# Activists fight for 'Slater' and rodenticide ban

By Lisa Gervais

A poisoned Red-tailed hawk - in care at Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary in Minden Hills - has resulted in renewed calls for Minden Hills and other County townships to ban the use of rodenticides.

While the hawk was found in distress in Havelock, Allison Hansen of Minden, who is co-founder and campaign director for Rodenticide Free Ontario (RFO), said "this is happening with increasing frequency."

Hewson made a delegation to Minden Hills council in January of 2023. She warned them about the dangers of the poisons and asked for a ban. Council voted to have staff put together a report and bring it back to council. However, that did not happen. Hansen said her dog died after ingesting a poisoned mouse.

"Other municipalities I have engaged have acted faster and been more responsive in recognizing that these poisons are inhumane, dangerous and ineffective," she said.

Hansen said RFO is a small, grassroots organization of people who have dealt with personal cases of rodenticide poisonings and are working to move reform to protect people, wildlife, companion animals and the environment from rodenticides. She says they have helped municipalities move forward with their own rodenticide-free initiatives.

The hawk at WWS has been named Slater. Woodlife Wildlife Sanctuary said the hawk was found on the side of the road,

"barely able to stand." A volunteer driver and her husband answered their call for a ride and brought him to the sanctuary as quickly as possible.

"The hawk was starved for sure, but his behaviour indicated there was more to the story. Normally, we would surmise that he had been clipped by a car, and had head trauma. But there were no signs of that," WWS's Monika Melichar said.

They gave him fluids, placed him in a warm incubator as he was still chilled, and watched for signs to tell them what was ailing him. When he defecated, there were symptoms of internal bleeding.

With the help of Shades of Hope Wildlife Refuge, Melichar said they were able to confirm he had been poisoned, most likely from a mouse dying from rodenticide-laced bait.

"Immediately, we started him on a Vit K protocol to bind and help flush the toxin out of his body. We can only hope that we're not too late to save him," Melichar said.

"Indirect rodenticide poisoning of our wildlife is happening all the time, but we just don't see it. Many of these affected animals die a quick, yet painful death, out of sight and out of mind of the people that wish to rid their premises of rodents. Sadly, these deadly toxins spread out across the environment, like ripples in the water, and poison not just the targeted animal, but those that prey on them. One infected mouse can harm a mink, that can then harm a fox, and then a vulture, and on and on," Melichar said.



'Slater,' a Red-tailed hawk is being treated at Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary. Submitted.

She added it's because the toxin can remain in the body for a very long time, and accumulate, until it is too much for the wild animal to handle. "The levels reach a critical point and then it's all downhill from there."

Melichar said they are determined to save the hawk, and are encouraged by even his slightest improvements. As of Oct. 23, she said Slater was on the mend.

"He's standing more often and was able to keep down some solid food. It will be a long haul for him to completely rid his body of this deadly toxin, but we'll do our best to pull him through."

For more information on keeping rodenticides out of the environment, go to [rodenticidefree.ca](http://rodenticidefree.ca). To donate towards Slater's care, go to [woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca/donate](http://woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca/donate).

# Keeping history alive in Irondale

By Mike Baker

As Remembrance Day approaches, Irondale resident George Simmons reflects on stories he heard from his father, George Sr., a gunner in the sixth anti-tank regiment during the Second World War.

"He talked about the war quite a bit – mostly the hidden stuff that other people didn't talk about... the shock of seeing Juno Beach. He could see all the dead and wounded on the front," Simmons said. "What he saw stuck with him for the rest of his life."

The elder Simmons was the inspiration behind a heartfelt memorial now in its third year. 'Service, Courage, and Sacrifice' commemorates known veterans from the First and Second World Wars and all other conflicts since, with photos, names, birth dates, and corps emblazoned on large flags, which, from Nov. 2 to 11, will be on display at the Irondale Church.

Simmons partnered with the Irondale Historical Society on the project, with his sister-in-law, Carol, taking an active role. They launched with 40 flags in 2022. This year, there will be 56 military personnel honoured.

"It's for people that served in the war in some way, shape, or form, and has a tie to Irondale," Carol said. "The people don't need to have been born here, or even lived here. We've got cottagers that have been coming here for generations who had family that served. Some of them are included. Some are

relatives or close contacts of people who live here. I put my grandfather on and he never set foot in Irondale.

"We feel it's important to honour all who made the incredible sacrifice [to enlist]," she added.

George said his dad enlisted April 1, 1942 and was originally stationed, and trained, in Petawawa. When he got word he was going to Europe, George Sr. travelled first by bus to Montreal, then train to Halifax, and finally on the Queen Mary to England.

His dad would have been one of 20,000 soldiers on the boat, which famously took British prime minister Winston Churchill across the Atlantic three times during the war effort.

George Sr. was present during the D-Day landings and pushed further in-land. George isn't sure where his father ended up, but heard about an encounter with a German soldier, who was taken as a prisoner of war. Simmons' father confiscated film from the captive, which contained horrific images of fallen Allied soldiers.

"That was the thing that stuck with him most," George said.

His dad was in Europe for the German Instrument of Surrender, on May 8, 1945, and was discharged from service a month later. When he returned home, the elder Simmons went to work for his father – also called George – who owned a sawmill in the community.

Simmons felt initiatives like this are

important, so that newer generations can learn about the sacrifices of their ancestors.

"Those guys are almost gone. I don't want what they did to be forgotten. I think the stories need to live on," Simmons said. "One big remark we've got since starting this, is how we're putting faces to the people. These are Irondale's biggest heroes and deserve to be recognized."

The flags will be in place at the church for 10 days – the parish will be open, too, with war-era antiques and family heirlooms on display. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Nov. 3 at 1 p.m. there will be a presentation from Belinda Wilson, who participated in a 15-day pilgrimage across northern Europe in 2013, visiting battlefields in France and Belgium where thousands of Canadian soldiers fought and died.

After seeing how popular the initiative has been in Irondale, Carol is encouraging other townships in the area to do something similar. She's also urging people with ties to the community, who have had family serve, to reach out and have their loved ones featured in next year's event.

Families are asked to contribute \$50 – which covers a large flag, kept by the society, and miniature versions they can take home. Anyone interested can reach out to historical@irondaleontario.ca.

"By doing this, I think we're bringing history alive a little bit. We've had multiple generations come and have their picture



Three generations of Simmons, son Barry, grandson Mike, and great grandson Trey, pose beside a memorial flag for James George Simmons, who fought in the Second World War. *Submitted*.

taken with flags, which is really nice. Little kids coming and learning about what great grandpa did. It's emotional for lots of families," Carol said.

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## Throwing the book at them

Library CAO Andrea Brown (third from left) Algonquin Highlands coun. Julia Shortreed, mayor Liz Nielsen, library board chair David O'Brien, and deputy-mayor Jennifer Dailloux - along with other Haliburton County Public Library board representatives - were on hand for the Oct. 25 official opening of the Dorset library branch. *Submitted.*



**FORM 6**  
**SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER**  
*Municipal Act, 2001*  
 Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

**SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER**  
**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS**

**Take Notice** that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on November 27, 2024, at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands Ontario. The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

**Description of Lands:**

1. Roll No. 46 21 002 000 36700 0000; 1128 FRY LANE, ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS; PIN 39129-0220 (LT); PT LT 28 CON 4 STANHOPE AS IN H195720, T/W H195720; ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS; File No. 23-08  
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$457,000  
Minimum tender amount: \$27,332.52
2. Roll No. 46 21 004 000 41500 0000; 52935 BIG HAWK - NORTH SHORE, ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS; PIN 39299-0175 (LT); PT LT 23 CON 14 STANHOPE AS IN H268963; ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS; File No. 23-21  
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$154,000  
Minimum tender amount: \$14,565.36
3. Roll No. 46 21 021 000 04310 0000; ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS; PIN 39100-0405 (LT); PT LT 10 CON 13 MCCLINTOCK PT 2 19R5505; ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS; File No. 23-32  
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$26,500  
Minimum tender amount: \$7,285.54

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

**Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, availability of road access, or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.**

Pursuant to the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act, S.C. 2022, c. 10, s. 235 (the "Act"), effective January 1, 2023, it is prohibited for a non-Canadian to purchase, directly or indirectly, any residential property, as those terms are defined in the legislation. Contraventions of the Act are punishable by a fine, and offending purchasers may be ordered to sell the residential property.

The municipality assumes no responsibility whatsoever for ensuring bidders/tenderers comply with the Act, and makes no representations regarding same. Prospective bidders/tenderers are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act and are advised to seek legal advice before participating in this sale.

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, visit: [www.OntarioTaxSales.ca](http://www.OntarioTaxSales.ca)  
or if no internet access available, contact:

Karen Mintz  
Tax Administrator  
The Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands  
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705-489-2379 Ext. 323  
kmintz@algonquinhighlands.ca  
www.algonquinhighlands.ca

## Popping up for an annual appeal

Haliburton Legion president Mike Waller pins a poppy on Dysart et al mayor Murray Fearrey Oct. 25 as the legion began its annual poppy campaign. Waller said it always starts the last Friday of October. "It's fantastic; we have three weekends this year that we're able to campaign, so we're hoping to get a good deal of money for our veterans to do the programs that we need to do for them." He said there are people and boxes all over town to help sell and take in donations. *(Lisa Gervais).*

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills has received an application to consider a by-law to stop up, close, and convey the parcel of land more particularly described as follows:

1. **File No. PLSRA2024027:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of 1203 Shuylers Island Road located within Part Lot 14, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden; and

The above noted application is available for inspection in the Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** should you wish to provide comments with respect to the above referenced application, please submit in writing those comments to the undersigned not later than **November 22, 2024.**

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience.

**AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** if deemed advisable, a By-law giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills. Please note that a Council meeting to consider a By-law for the above referenced applications will be scheduled at a later date following the requisite commenting period.

Amanda Dougherty, B.A. (Hons)  
Manager of Planning  
Township of Minden Hills  
705-286-1260 Ext. 506  
adougherty@mindenhills.ca

**Location Map**

## EVENTS

**Oct. 31, 6-7:30 p.m.**

Lakeside's annual trunk or treat event, beach side of Head Lake Park (Park Street). Cars will be decorated and people will be handing out candy.

**Oct. 31, 5-7 p.m.**

Trunk or Treat at Haliburton Chrysler.

**Oct. 31, from 5 p.m.**

Trunk or Treat at the Gooderham LCBO parking lot. All are welcome to dress up, decorate your car, create a fun or spooky Halloween display and pass out Halloween treats to the children of the community.

**Oct. 31, 6-9 p.m.**

Come out to the Cardiff Community Centre on Halloween and add to your trick or treating fun with a *Devilishly Scary Walkthrough* sponsored by 8 Magnolia Street.

**Nov. 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Join SIRCH Community Services for its final Repair Cafe of 2024. Bring anything from small appliances to ceramics, toys, furniture, jewelry, textiles, computers, bicycles and more to be patched up by volunteer fixers. Special guest Stacy McLean will also be leading a hands-on workshop teaching people how to turn old sweaters into wine bags, transform Christmas cards into gift tags, and explore sustainable gift wrapping ideas.

**Nov. 3, 2 p.m.**

Razzamataz Kids' Shows returns to the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton with 'Evolution of B-boying' an introduction into breakdancing and street culture, performed by Bboyizm. The event will also feature a live dance battle. For tickets visit [razzamataz.ca](http://razzamataz.ca).

**Nov. 4-7**

St. George's Church, 617 Mountain, St. Haliburton is offering a variety of activities and opportunities for seniors to come together for fun, fitness and

fellowship. Everyone is invited.

**Mon. Nov. 4** - walking group 8 a.m. meet at Welcome Centre.

**Tues. Nov. 5** - Christmas card craft 10 a.m.

**Thurs. Nov. 7** - seniors' chair exercises 1 p.m.

**Thurs. Nov. 7** - euchre 2:30 p.m.

For more details, contact [glendaburk@yahoo.ca](mailto:glendaburk@yahoo.ca) or telephone the church office 705-457-2074.

**Nov. 7, 1 p.m.**

Join the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and Haliburton County Public Library for a special screening of *Forgotten Warriors: The Story of Canada's Aboriginal War Veterans* (1997). The documentary, directed by Loretta Todd, highlights the thousands of Indigenous Canadians who voluntarily fought in the Second World War despite not being conscripted. All ages are welcome. No pre-registration is required. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. All proceeds will be donated to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 – Minden. The documentary is provided courtesy of the National Film Board (NFB).

**Nov. 9, 4 - 6:30 p.m.**

Highland Grove Community Centre. Hot turkey dinner with pies for dessert. Adults \$15, children \$8 (children five to 10 yrs. old). Children under five, free. All proceeds for the Highland Grove Historical Society.

**Have a non-profit event you want advertised?**  
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## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

**Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 129****Haliburton weekly activities**

**Mondays:** Bridge at 1 p.m. in the Schofield Room. Youth darts league starting soon, for ages 10 to 18, at 6:30 p.m. in the clubroom. All are welcome.

**Tuesdays:** League darts starting at 7 p.m.

Haliburton Army Cadets practice 6:30-9 p.m. between September and June.

**Wednesdays:** Bid euchre 1 p.m. start, main hall.

Bingo is back. There's a \$1,000 jackpot on the first Wednesday of the month.

**Thursdays:** General meeting third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. & ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

**Fridays:** Meat draw, five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts 4:30 p.m. onwards.

**Saturdays:** 50/50 draw 4 p.m. Tickets \$1 each, available in the Clubroom.

**Clubroom hours:** Mon closed, Tues 3-9 p.m., Wed/Thurs 3-6 p.m., Fri 3-7 p.m. & Sat 3-6 p.m.

The Legion's mandate is to help veterans, assist with their mental and physical health and social wellbeing, provide a feeling of togetherness and combat isolation. All are welcome to attend our events.

**Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 624****Wilberforce**

**Mon:** 6 to 10 p.m. Evening darts at 7 p.m.

**Wed:** 2 to 6 p.m. Darts at 2 p.m.

**Thurs:** 2 to 10 p.m. Horseshoes at 7 p.m.

**Saturday:** 2 to 11 p.m. Meat draw

Please call the branch at 705-448-2221 to arrange your event.

**Royal Canadian Legion - Branch 519****Coboconk**

**Second Monday of the month:** General meeting - 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesdays:** Euchre - 1 p.m. Open Darts - 7 p.m.

**First Wednesday of the month:** Big Buck Bid Euchre from 11 a.m. \$15 per person.

**Saturdays:** Meat Roll at 3 p.m.

The 2024 Poppy Campaign started Oct. 25, running through to Remembrance Day. We appreciate your support.

For more information contact Legion 705-454-8127

**Royal Canadian Legion - Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 Minden**

**Monday - Thursday:** Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with regular menu and daily special including Liver Lovers' Tuesday.

**Friday Fish & Chips & Wings:** Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner 4-7 p.m.

**Saturday** all day breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with meat draws at 11 a.m.

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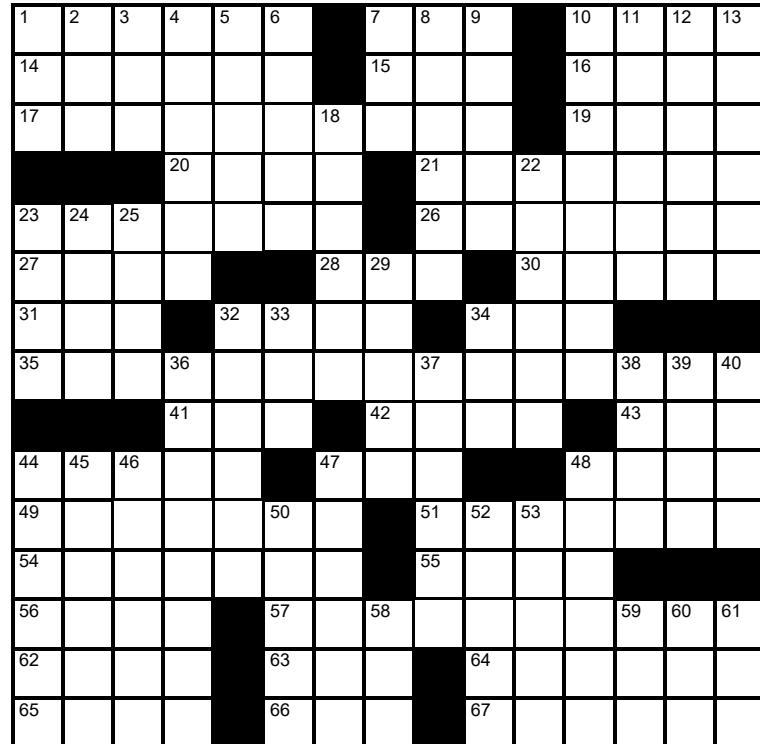
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## Across

- 1 Noted lullaby composer  
7 Gift in "The Gift"  
10 "What a bummer," to Shakespeare  
14 Pull from the ground, as carrots  
15 Blessed Fr. woman  
16 Casual meeting?  
17 \*Having a majestic presence  
19 Old El \_\_\_ (salsa brand)  
20 Munich Mrs.  
21 Got around  
23 \*Marzipan nuts  
26 \*Like burrito beans  
27 To see, in Toulouse  
28 Emily Carr's favourite subject, maybe  
30 \_\_\_ Penny (Chicken Little's friend)  
31 Helpful friends in high places  
32 Hand, in Havana  
34 This or that, to Thérèse  
35 \*Yellow bloom of the Mojave region  
41 Grp. with skating Senators  
42 Big swig  
43 Cashier's wrist malady, e.g.:  
Abbr.  
44 Smooth relations  
47 See 29-Down  
48 Editorial slant  
49 \*Greeted a fellow dojo student  
51 \*They're neck and neck"  
54 "Please, we don't need to know"  
55 Fly high  
56 Sound never actually made by a pig  
57 \*Final kick at the can  
62 Lévesque or Descartes  
63 Levin who wrote of Rosemary  
64 Form thoughts  
65 Sound like a jackass  
66 Poe character Arthur Gordon \_\_\_  
67 Noon, and a "central" feature of the answers to the starred clues

## Down

- 1 Pour water, clear tables, etc.  
2 Lit. hand-in, say  
3 The Altar constellation



- 4 Crushing on  
5 Grieve  
6 Ending with home or bed  
7 Title for an atty.  
8 \_\_\_ McLean, former host of "The Vinyl Café"  
9 Tick off  
10 Strive for  
11 Show through the entrance  
12 Ad words with "on TV"  
13 Poorly put together  
18 Some are lazy, some are black-eyed  
22 Proving useful  
23 Enthusiastic  
24 Word with Ranger or wolf  
25 Be a lousy sniper, say  
29 Blush, or French for 47-Across  
32 Stevenson character, after drinking a serum  
33 Ocean off Nfld.
- 34 Grp. with Alouettes and Argonauts  
36 Carriage return, to today's typist  
37 Defrocked colony member?  
38 In Canada, it's "dropped" before an election  
39 Morales of "Ozark"  
40 Take a stand?  
44 Be an effective sponge  
45 More like Eeyore  
46 "I \_\_\_ Iguana" (kid's book)  
47 Beads clutched in church  
48 Like jail cells or product codes  
50 The Netherlands' national flower  
52 "Run \_\_\_" (Bobby Vee hit)  
53 Riyadh native  
58 Service's McGee  
59 "Epic!", in the '80s  
60 \_\_\_ loss for words  
61 Cry for attention

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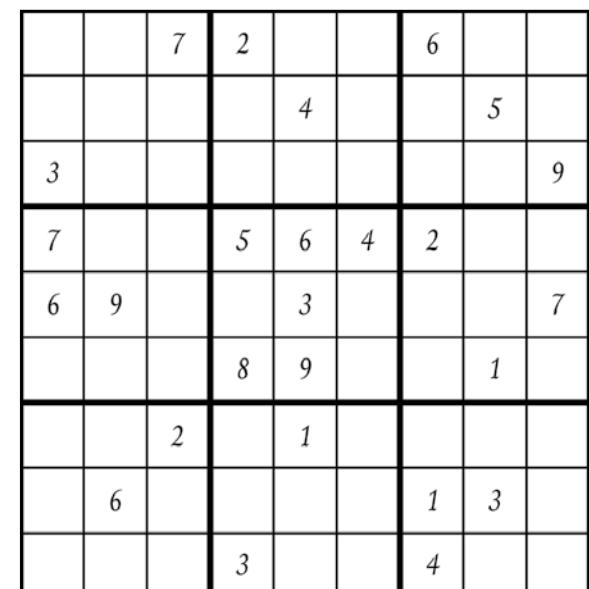
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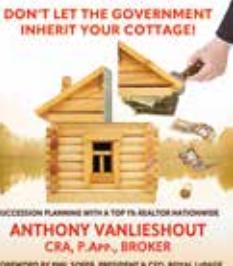
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